

**GANG VIOLENCE SECTION**  
**BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

**Program Description**

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program, created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998, is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement by supplying protective armored vests to officers in the field.

**Eligibility**

OES acts as the administrative agent and applies for the funds on behalf of eligible law enforcement jurisdictions throughout California who wish to be reimbursed for incurred expenses of bulletproof vest purchases.

**Authorized By**

Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998/California State Legislature

**Fund Source and Amount**

Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act - \$1,026,238

**Grant Award Period**

April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009

**Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date**

Non Competitive - April 1, 2009

**Additional Program Information**

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Standards for Personal Body Armor (Ballistic and Stab/Puncture Resistant) exists to ensure models of armor offered for sale to law enforcement and corrections personnel are safe, reliable, and meet minimum performance requirements

**How Do I Get More Information?**

This program is administered by the Gang Violence Section of the Crime and Gangs Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 327-5664.